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SUBJECT: ITAIPU HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT - VISIT BY
CAVALCANTI AND DEBERNARDI TO U.S.

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1. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL, EMBOFF DISCUSSED PROPOSED
VISIT TO U.S. WITH DEBERNARDI ON MORNING OCT 9.
DEBERNARDI SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH FINAL DECISION HAD NOT
YET BEEN MADE, IN ALL PROBABILITY HE AND CAVALCANTI
WOULD NOT
REPEAT NOT ACCEPT GE INVITATION TO VISIT U.S.

2. DEBERNARDI EXPLAINED THAT BOTH HE AND CAVALCANTI
BELIEVED IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO ACCEPT AN
INVITATION AND FREE TRIP FROM A PRIVATE COMPANY INTER-
ESTED IN DOING BUSINESS WITH ITAIPU BINACIONAL. HE
SAID THAT BY ACCEPTING SUCH AN INVITATION THEY WOULD
LEAVE THEMSELVES OPEN TO CRITICISM FROM OTHER COMPANIES
INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE ITAIPU PROJECT.

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3. IN WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS A DISCREET SUGGESTION, DEBERNARDI SAID THAT AN INVITATION TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES FROM AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY SUCH AS THE U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, MADE AFTER A REASONABLE LAPSE OF TIME (TO AVOID ANY APPARENT CONNECTION WITH THE G.E. INVITATION), WOULD BE BOTH AN APPROPRIATE AND ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE. HE SAID BOTH HE AND CAVALCANTI WOULD MOST DEFINITELY BE INTERESTED IN VISITS TO GRAND COULEE'S THIRD POWER PLANT AND THE RESEARCH CENTER IN DENVER.

4. SINCE G.E. INVITATION HAS APPARENTLY NOT, REPEAT NOT, BEEN FORMALLY DECLINED BY DEBERNARDI AND CAVALCANTI, EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT THIS INFORMATION BE TREATED ACCORDINGLY IN ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH GENERAL ELECTRIC.
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